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Car crash hero rescues driver ahead of blaze

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A HEROIC resident who rescued a man from a car seconds before it burst into flames will be recognised for his bravery.

Andrew Mkwashi threw caution to the wind as he rescued the unconcious man – who had driven into a tree – from the smoking wreckage, sparing his life in the process.

The 38-year-old from Giffard Park is one of four people being recognised for their efforts by the Royal Humane Society.

Andrew had been driving on the A505 in Putteridge, Bedfordshire, on January 5 when the car in front of him started to lose control.

"I saw that it was starting to swerve," Andrew told MK NEWS.

"Then suddenly it hit the central reservation on the right, bounced off and went straight into a tree.

"I could see the smoke coming from the car and I knew it was going to catch fire, but I parked up as I needed to help."

The car had been carrying two brothers from Stevenage and while one of them, the passenger, managed to escape from the wreckage, the driver was unconscious and unable to get out.

Because of the impact, it meant the driver's door could not be opened.

So Andrew decided to signal oncoming traffic to stop.

He said: "I needed to find out if anyone had something that could break the car windows.

"Luckily someone had a hammer, so I smashed the back window to let the smoke out and then broke the driver's window so I could pull him out."

With help from fellow rescuers, Andrew's actions saved the life of the driver as seconds later, as he carried him away from the wreckage, the car burst into flames while emergency services were still on their way.

"Had we not done what we did he would have toasted," said Andrew, who moved from his native Zimbabwe to MK to study in 2002.

And now the father-of-two, *pictured left*, will receive a testimonial on parchment at the Royal Humane Society Awards, being held later this year.

Andrew was nominated by Hertfordshire Constabulary after officers were impressed with his courage. But he insists he was only doing what was right.

He said: "Normally you see an accident and think 'there's another one', but I knew I had to give this man a hand and be a good citizen. I did have some fear, but I put it to the back of my mind because if I was scared I couldn't have acted as I did.

"Being awarded in this way is something that I didn't expect, but I appreciate it nonetheless.

"I was only doing what anyone else would have done in the same situation."

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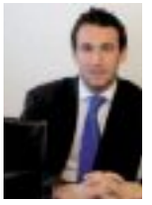

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The awards, known as the ESTAS measures the quality of customer service provided by agents through the home buying, selling and rental process.

Phil Spencer, TV Property Expert says *"I think it says a great deal about company who's prepared to stand up and announce to customers and competitors that they believe in providing the best possible service and they're happy to prove it. These awards help agencies to focus on customer service levels and that's why so many sign up each year"*

"Taking part in the ESTAS sets agents apart from their competitors. It sends a clear message that they are passionate about customer service, prepared to go that extra mile for their clients and keen to listen to feedback".

Dominic Marcel, manager of Taylors Lettings Milton Keynes said *"We take our levels of customer service very seriously because we know clients have a choice. We have always been very proud of the personal service we provide and this is great way to demonstrate how good we really are."*

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New treatment saves boy's life

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A PIONEERING bone marrow transplant technique has saved the life of a four-year-old boy.

Mohammed Ahmed was among the first three children in the world to try out the new treatment.

The youngster, from Shenley Brook End, has severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome and had been waiting for a suitable donor for years.

His condition means he has a weak immune system that makes him more likely to catch infections and a bone marrow transplant was the only known treatment.

While Mohammed was on the transplant waiting list, he became extremely sick with swine flu in 2011.

At that time, doctors at Great Ormond Street decided his only real hope of survival was to have a bone-marrow transplant that wasn't an exact match, with his father acting as the donor.

His dad, Jamil, 46, who had already lost his baby daughter to the same condition, agreed to give the experimental therapy a go.

He said: "Mohammed's condition really deteriorated and he was having to be kept on constant medication, he desperately needed a transplant."

Because Mohammed, who turns five tomorrow, was one of the first in the world to undergo the treatment the survival rate was unknown.

Jamil added: "At the time he was in a critical condition and I had no choice. I wanted to try anything for him."

Family united: ***From left*****, Jamil Ahmed with his sons Mohammed and Yazdan and their mother Azmat Farid**

Mohammed's treatment started in March 2011, but at first his body did not respond. A second attempt was made four months later, which was a success.

Mohammed had to remain in hospital for more than a year while he underwent treatment and it is only now that his condition has improved enough for him to be able to take less medication to stop any infections.

Jamil said: "He is now very happy and is able to lead a normal life.

"He is a little behind for his age at school and has slight hard of hearing, which is a side effect of the treatment, but he is using a hearing aid and when people see him they don't realise he was once sick.

"We thank God he is much better."

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Nomination for Reko Tao

A GUERILLA campaign featuring a mysterious Andy Warhol lookalike has been nominated in the 2013 Marketing Industry Awards. MK College's Reko Tao Zion time travelling alien had the online population of MK hooked trying to guess what it was all about. The campaign urged 16 to 19-year-olds to think about their future and the college has had a 65 per cent increase in web traffic since the stunt, which was thought up by Stony Stratford marketing firm TFA. The campaign is up against Dr Dre for Best Marketing Strategy or Campaign of 2013. The results will be announced on November 14.

Find out the FSB finalists

AN INDEPENDENT panel of 13 judges has drawn up a shortlist of finalists for a new business awards. The panel worked for hours on Monday to draw up the list in the FSB Buckinghamshire Business Awards 2013 – of which MK NEWS and MKWeb are media partners. To see the full list of finalists – and find out whether your business made the cut – visit www.mkweb.co.uk.

Charity concert for BOB

A CHARITY Christmas concert is being held in aid of MK NEWS and MKWeb's charity of the year – the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance (BOB). Stony Stratford Lions Club will be hosting the evening on December 1, which includes live music from the James Goff Big Band and Jeannie Dee. For ticket information and prices visit www.mkweb.co.uk

Aiming to hit high notes for centre

A MUSICIAN has released an album to raise money and awareness after being diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Ben Markus's world changed in January 2012 when he was diagnosed with the disease and told he had just 12 months to live.

Proving doctors wrong, he has continued to make music while receiving chemotherapy at University College London and Milton Keynes hospitals.

He said: "A diagnosis of cancer changes your life, but music has helped me feel normal."

Ben, from Peartree Marina, has made the album, called Manhattan Exile, with his Markus Band, which also includes his daughter Melanie and some of his friends.

It features contemporary melodic rock and was partly recorded at Logicom studios in Willen.

It is available for pre-order from Amazon and costs £5.70.

All profits will be donated to the Prostate Cancer Research Centre in London.

Partner's abuse was 'grotesque'

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A 51-YEAR-OLD man has been sentenced to 12 years in prison for abusing his partner so much a pathologist said he caused her 'more injuries than some murder victims.'

Ian Ratledge of Hopton Grove, Newport Pagnell, attacked his 30-year-old partner, leaving her with serious life-threatening injuries.

On August 28 this year he was found guilty of grievous bodily harm with intent following a trial at Oxford Crown Court. He was sentenced on Thursday and will serve a minimum of nine years.

He was also given an indefinite restraining order against his victim, as well as her mother and partner.

He carried out the attack on his victim at their home on February 24, 2012.

Afterwards he left her unconscious body on the sofa for a considerable period of time, before telling a lodger in the property about what he had done. After seeing the severity of her condition, the lodger left the premises and contacted the police.

Her injuries included extensive bruising all over her body, bite marks and a bleed on the brain. There were marks around her neck indicating a ligature had been used. She also suffered serious injuries to her heart and kidney. Medical evidence confirmed that without treatment she would have died.

The victim continues to require medical treatment.

Investigating officer Det Con Marcus Miller said: "During this terrifying ordeal Ratledge inflicted numerous injuries on his victim. This was a grotesque attack which could have easily resulted in death for his victim.

"When the pathologist addressed the court he was of the opinion that this victim had suffered more injuries than even some murder victims.

"The abuse she suffered is unimaginable and I hope the sentence reflects this."

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Suspicious cleaner

POLICE are urging residents in MK to be wary of a white man with brown hair who falsely claims he has cleaned windows and that money is owed to him.

Teenager assaulted

POLICE have released an e-fit after a girl, 15, was sexually assaulted near Granby Court in Bletchley on October 19. View it online at www.mkweb.co.uk

Burglars trick girl

TWO men in balaclavas tried to trick a small girl as they robbed a house by telling her they were policemen. The girl rang 999 and reported them.

MP claims for electricity bills

MARK Lancaster has been named as one of 341 MPs who have claimed expenses for their second home in London.

Mr Lancaster claimed £705.61 for electricity at his shared home in the capital.

He said: "New tighter rules allow MPs to stay in Westminster by either staying in hotel rooms or being able to rent accommodation, including basic utilities, within a set budget. I have recently moved to shared accommodation to reduce the cost further. I do not claim any expenses for my own home."

MP Iain Stewart has not made any claims.

Rastafarian's jail term cut

A RASTAFARIAN has had his 12-month sentence for producing cannabis cut after judges heard he smokes the substance for pain relief.

Caleb John-Lewis, 47, of Heywood Gate, was prosecuted after police discovered a cluster of cannabis 'seedlings' in his living room.

But John-Lewis argued he saw smoking cannabis as a 'sacrament' and his term was cut to eight months by London's Appeal Court.

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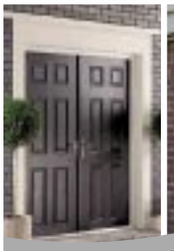

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Managing Director Billy Harley feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.'

Cloudy2Clear service the Bedford, Milton Keynes & Leighton Buzzard areas and Billy is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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A lottery on the buses

I WAS interested to read your report on the findings of the Bus Passenger Satisfaction Survey by Passenger Focus, which revealed passengers in Milton Keynes were the least satisfied in the whole country (*MK NEWS, October 16*).

I think one could describe the bus service in Milton Keynes as not as a public service, but more like a lottery.

If you are on one of the routes with a frequent service (in daylight hours) such as numbers two, four, five and eight you will get a good/reasonable service.

This will also apply if you are fortunate enough to live near a convergence of routes. For example parts of Crownhill have an hourly service (the number 28), but if you live nearer Kensington Drive in Great Holm there is are 10 buses every hour.

On the other hand, if you do not live near one of the good routes then you will more likely have a half hourly or hourly service, or no service at all.

The more frequent daylight service lasts until 6pm Monday to Friday and 5pm on Saturday. It caters for the Milton Keynes rush hour but not for the returning London commuters – it needs to run until 7pm.

After 6pm it is most unadvisable to travel by bus in Milton Keynes as, knowing the bus times, you might wait for a very long time. On a Sunday this applies all day.

The Arriva service is purely a profit making service. The last remnants of a public service is left to Milton Keynes Council to provide under a council contract. These routes are usually ones with an infrequent service that makes no money, hence Arriva has no interest.

Will any of this change? Look inside the council chamber and ask how many councillors use the bus service. You will probably find you can count them on the fingers of one hand. In other words there will be little or no change.

Irving Nicol
Beckinsale Grove
Crownhill

Pay tribute to the fallen

ONCE again this year on November 11 at 11am people across Milton Keynes and the nation will stop for two minutes to mark the moment 94 years ago when the guns fell silent in the First World War.

Since that time the day has become a poignant time to remember people who have fallen in that and subsequent conflicts.

The Royal British Legion, which does so much for those currently serving in the armed forces, ex-service men and women and their families, will be doing a great deal to raise its profile and funds, including selling poppies.

The poppy has long been synonymous with fallen soldiers and is used worldwide as a demonstration of respect to men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

On November 10, across the whole country, wreaths will be laid at memorials to the fallen, including in Milton Keynes. The city has many centres with memorials where dignitaries, veterans, serving soldiers and ordinary people alike will meet to pay their respects. I myself will be attending services in Newport Pagnell and New Bradwell.

So, when you see poppies on sale, I would encourage everyone to make a donation and to wear a poppy with pride to honour and support brave men and women and their families who have sacrificed so much to defend the freedoms we all enjoy.

Brian White
Mayor of Milton Keynes

■ *To find out where services are taking place in Milton Keynes, turn to page 13*

Cyclists have rights too

I HAD gone to the Waitrose store in Oakgrove on my bicycle to make some purchases and have a coffee and, as is my normal practice, was riding up the winding uphill road to exit the car parking area.

This road is narrow and entailed me centring myself in the left hand lane to ensure my safe progress.

A short way up the incline a car approaching from behind me sounded its horn; on dismounting to enquire the nature of the problem I was instructed to get off the road and sworn at.

After the driver had got out I was subjected to further verbal abuse and threatened with physical violence. Other cars were gathering behind and in front.

The exchange was concluded when I pointed out to the abusive driver that cyclists are entitled to be on the road and are not required to use the redways.

The store was opened prior to the completion of infrastructure that remains still to be finished.

This has created problems that are particularly pertinent to non-vehicular access, specifically pedestrians, mobility scooters, pushchairs and cyclists.

The situation is consistent with customary new development practice in Milton Keynes; it denies modal choice and perpetuates the tendency towards car dependency, to the detriment of the environment and public health.

I compliment Waitrose for providing a cycle parking facility for staff and customers.

I am disappointed that there is no effort to give signage guidance to cyclists on access routes onto and around the site.

I personally value my right to cycle grid and residential roads when choosing to use my bicycle for my local journeys, on the basis of my assessment of the circumstances applicable on each occasion.

Philip Wareham
Sent via email

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Gripped by the 'true' story of Captain Phillips

CONTINUING my look at the Xscape, I decided to treat Mrs Brett to a night at the cinema. After all, it was Orange Wednesday.

In days gone by – and especially when The Point first opened – I'd visit the picture house two or three times a week.

Nowadays it's a rare treat, which usually ends with me getting a 90 minute nap and paying nearly £10 for the privilege. But I'd heard good things about the new Tom Hanks movie, Captain Phillips.

Based on the true story of a Somali pirate attack on an American container ship in April 2009, I was interested to see what all the fuss was about.

From the opening credits, to the final scenes, we were both gripped and on the edge of our seats.

It seems incredible that piracy is even an issue in modern times, but apparently piracy off the coast of Somalia has been a threat to international shipping since 2005.

Some sources claim that as recently as February 2012, Somali pirates were holding 10 vessels and 159 hostages.

However, the portrayal of the ordeal suffered by Captain Richard Phillips has not been without controversy, with critics claiming the real story bears little resemblance to the 'Hollywood' version of events. In fact, other members of the crew under the command of the real life Captain Phillips are in the process of suing the shipping company and are critical of the decision to sail into dangerous waters despite receiving several shipping warnings of piracy in the area.

But Hollywood doesn't normally let the facts get in the way of a 'true story' and it would appear Captain Phillips is no exception.

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Parade: Flags from The Royal British Legion branches from around the city fly high at half-time

Flying the flag for forces

FOOTBALL fans showed their respect to servicemen and women old and new on Saturday to mark Armed Forces Day.

During half-time of the MK Dons v Walsall game, members of the Royal British Legion proudly held up flags representing the branches in the Milton Keynes area.

Former servicemen, cadets and active members of the forces also paraded around the pitch to a warm applause from both home and away fans.

The parade was preceded by motorcycle riders carrying colours from The Royal British Legion, while drums from the air cadets kept everyone in step.

The annual day was held at stadiummk to show appreciation for the work the forces undertake around the world.

As a mark of respect MK Dons offered free entry for serving members of the forces.

Get creative at new academy

BY SCOTT KIRK
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What do you think?
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AN ACADEMY that will prepare students for 'the digital age' may be set up in the city.

Matt Perrett is the brainchild behind Redshift Academy – a new free school for 16 to 19-year-olds that could be open by 2015.

The academy will focus on BTECs and other vocational courses in creative and digital media, entrepreneurship and technology, although A-levels will also be offered to students.

Those that attend will be offered the chance to set up and run their own business, create and sell their own music, become a game programmer and even earn while they learn.

"We want to give more choice to people post-16 years old," said Mr Perrett.

"There is a need for a more personalised curriculum in Milton Keynes and we will be bringing in industry mentors to work with students.

"It will be an exciting learning environment which will allow young people to develop their creative, business and technical skills with local and global companies, ensuring graduates progress into jobs, training and university."

Businesses across the city are being urged to support the academy and interested companies are invited to contact Mr Perrett, who added: "The growth of business in Milton Keynes is one of the key drivers for this project."

To find out more information visit www.redshiftacademy.org

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Centre not for sale

HERMES Real Estate has refuted rumours it is selling its 50 per cent stake in thecentre:mk. A spokesman said: "Hermes Real Estate has been heavily investing in MK for approaching 40 years and will continue to do so."

Two in for Pavilion

MK Dons SET and Milton Keynes Leisure Limited are bidding to run Woughton Pavilion from MK Council.

Archaeology Day

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Plan to rebuild store is shelved

A SUPERMARKET giant has announced it will no longer be rebuilding its store in Wolverton.

Tesco had planned to almost double the size of the shop, which would have been rebuilt on stilts to offer parking underneath.

A Tesco spokesman said: "While we will not be replacing the store, we will be making changes to improve the look."

Hilary Saunders, chairman of Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council, said: "I am pleased. The traffic it would have generated would have been absolutely dire."

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BY SCOTT KIRK

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HUNDREDS of people lined the street to say goodbye to a 'real little charmer' on Friday.

Mourners held balloons and released bubbles as a white horse-drawn carriage carrying Henry Allen's coffin made its way along St Clement's Drive in Bletchley driven by a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle.

There was also a double-decker bus with the four-year-old's name on the front, while a group of motorbikes led the procession.

Angela Ridgway, 46, from Shenley Church End, and her daughters Kubra, 13, and Charlotte Hand, 22, were among those who went to say farewell to the Bletchley youngster, who lost his battle with cancer last month.

The sisters helped organise a concert to raise funds for the Henry Allen Appeal, which was set up to try and raise money for treatment abroad.

"It was an amazing and heartbreaking procession," said Angela.

"We met Henry quite a few times and he was a real little charmer."

Meanwhile, people attempted to break the record for the largest gathering of people wearing one-piece pyjamas in memory of Henry on Saturday.

The previous record of 700 was beaten after 752 attended stadiummk in their onesies, although this still needs to be officially confirmed by the Guinness World Records.

A coffee morning and disco have also helped raise £4,296 for Families Against Neuroblastoma.

Above: Bikers begin the procession along St Clement's Drive, Bletchley, on Friday, watched by hundreds of mourners who were touched by Henry Allen's tragic story

Left: Henry's coffin, which was decorated with Spiderman, was carried to Crownhill Crematorium in a white, horse-drawn carriage

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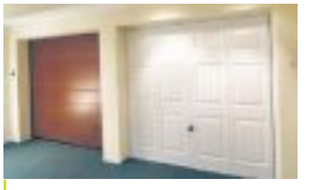

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‘Invisible’ PCC to visit estate

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A PARISH councillor has welcomed the Police and Crime Commissioner’s (PCC) decision to hold a meeting on a city estate.

Isabella Fraser, who sits on Campbell Park Parish Council, is pleased Thames Valley PCC Anthony Stansfeld will meet with residents in Fishermead because she feels that up until now he has been ‘invisible’.

“I do accept that Thames Valley is one of the biggest forces in the country,” she told MK NEWS.

“But invisible is how I would sum him up. There has been no communication or consultation by him. We have no idea what he’s working on and we’re paying his salary.

“I don’t think he has any connection with Milton Keynes, but at least now people know they can go there [Fishermead] and ask him questions.”

The meeting, at Fishermead Trinity Centre on Monday at 7pm, will give residents the chance to talk to Mr Stansfeld and Deputy Local Police Area Commander, Ed McLean.

Criticism: Cllr Isabella Fraser

They will be able to ask questions and give feedback on policing and crime.

There will be presentations about the role of the PCC and local policing in Milton Keynes.

Colin Wilderspin, the deputy head of community safety for SaferMK, will also be there to tell the public more about the work of the organisation.

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Mr Stansfeld was elected as the area’s first PCC in November 2012 and told MK NEWS in February that he was ready to have ‘a good look’ at Milton Keynes.

Speaking about the upcoming meeting with residents, he said: “It is important to me that communities are kept informed and that their views are heard.

“The Milton Keynes meeting is one of 16 meetings I am holding across the Thames Valley to give the public a chance to hear more about the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the current priorities and about local policing.

“It is also an opportunity for the public to raise any concerns they may have about policing and crime.

“I am looking forward to speaking to MK residents and I would encourage as many people to attend as possible.”

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Pageant mum's anger at tabloid

Proud: Sally and her daughter Layla in her Face of the Globe crown and sash

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A MOTHER has hit back at claims she sent her eight-year-old daughter to parade 'like a Barbie doll' at a beauty pageant.

Sally Gauntlett, 47, from Grange Farm, says she felt victimised by The Sun newspaper for allowing her daughter Layla to compete in the Face of the Globe competition.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, Layla and her auntie, former Jessie J lookalike Melissa Frayne, 24, won their regional heats to go to the finals in Disneyland Paris last month.

During the finals The Sun spoke to Mrs Gauntlett and described the event as a 'group of pushy parents that blow a fortune on their young girls to parade around in diamanté dresses'.

Mrs Gauntlett says her quotes were inaccurate and a comment that she may struggle with her rent due to the cost of attending the final was taken out of context.

She said: "The comment that I may be a bit short this month was just an off the cuff remark and you can't tell me I am the only lone parent stuck a little in the lead up to Christmas."

The article has led to Mrs Gauntlett being attacked on The Sun's Facebook page. She has been accused of child abuse and been called a 'stupid women' with 'bad parenting'.

Layla won the category for five to eight-year-olds in the competition.

"The experience brought out Layla's confidence and educated her about the charity Rainbow Child Foundation, which the competition was raising funds for.

"She was just wearing dresses that anyone could buy for their daughters from BHS."

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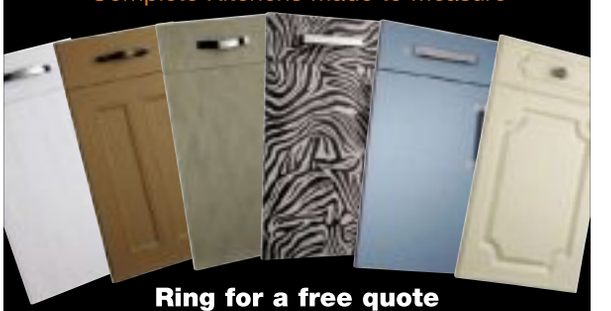
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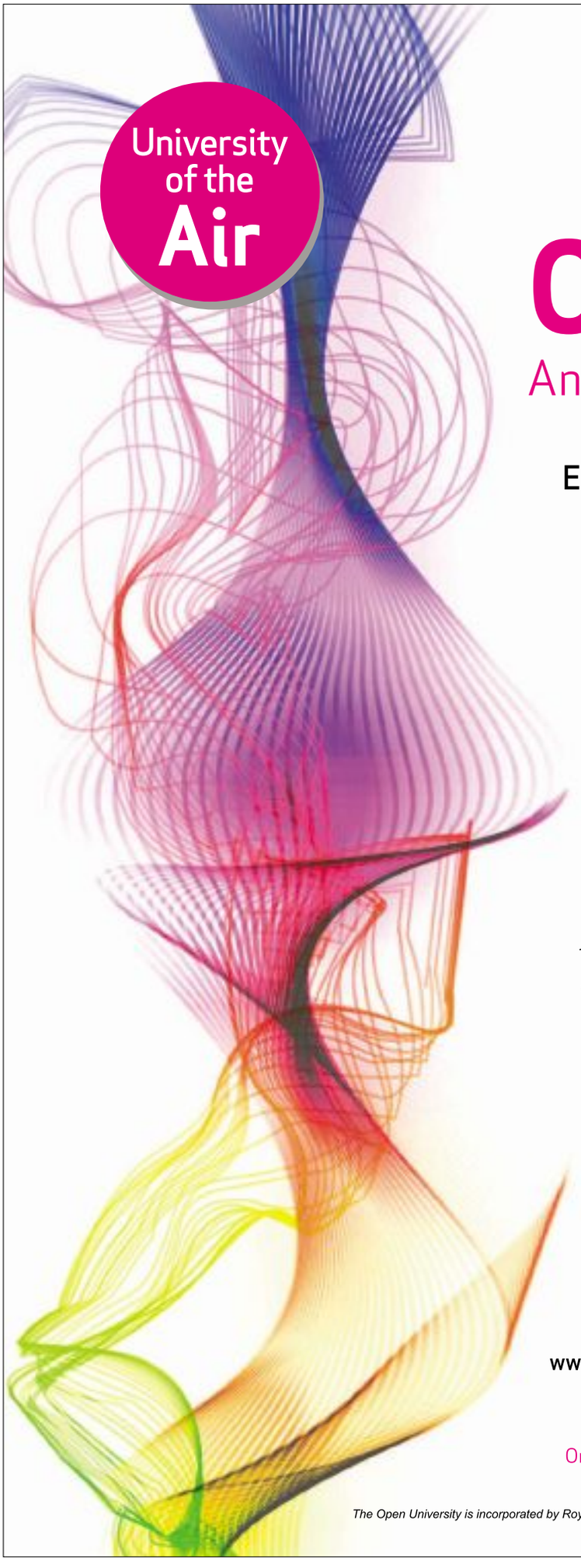

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Don't let our war heroes be forgotten: A cadet lays a wreath at last year's Stony Stratford Remembrance Day Service. This Sunday new ones will be laid

Remember our fallen soldiers

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE nation will fall silent at 11am on Sunday to remember the war heroes who have lost their lives serving their country.

If you wish to pay your respects, below is a guide to some of the events:

■ **Bletchley Park, 10.40am**
A parade will leave Bletchley Park and go to Bletchley War Memorial for the service at 11am.

■ **The Square, Aylesbury Street, Wolverton, 11am.**
A ceremony will take place at the war memorial.

■ **High Street, Newport Pagnell, 10.30am**
A parade will march from Queens Avenue along High Street to the town's war memorial outside the parish church.

■ **Horsefair Green, Stony Startford, 3pm**
Organised by the MK Lions, a ceremony at the war memorial follows a parade through the town.

■ **Clock Tower Memorial, New Bradwell, 2pm**
Meet at the Clock Tower Memorial before a service at St James Church.

■ **Market Square, Olney, 11am**
The Act of Remembrance will be held at the war memorial.

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Rose artist defends design from critics

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE artist behind the new MK Rose has defended the choice of its pillars following recent criticism.

Gordon Young has designed the new monument in Campbell Park which features 140 columns – all dedicated to a different day, person or event – arranged in the design of a flower head.

And Gordon, who has been working on the structure for more than two years, hopes to see it packed out when it officially opens on Saturday.

He also denied that the Rose could be deemed as offensive after some local members of the Royal British Legion decided to boycott its Armistice Day service in favour of a new war memorial in Coffee Hall.

"I found it a really interesting brief," Gordon told MK NEWS. "We wanted something different, a modern space where people of different groups and different cultures could come to spare a moment and think.

"We've sounded a lot of local people out, and we want different people to use it in different ways, not just for Armistice Day."

Designer: Gordon Young is happy with choice of plinths at Rose

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The Rose has faced criticism from some quarters for its 'inappropriate' placing of pillars.

The Jubilee branch of the Royal British Legion slammed the decision to put International Skipping Day and International Joke Day next to Armistice Day. But Gordon, who also designed the carpet of comedy along Blackpool Promenade, says the idea is to add a bit of variety.

He said: "The calender year is full of both sombre days, but also days of fun.

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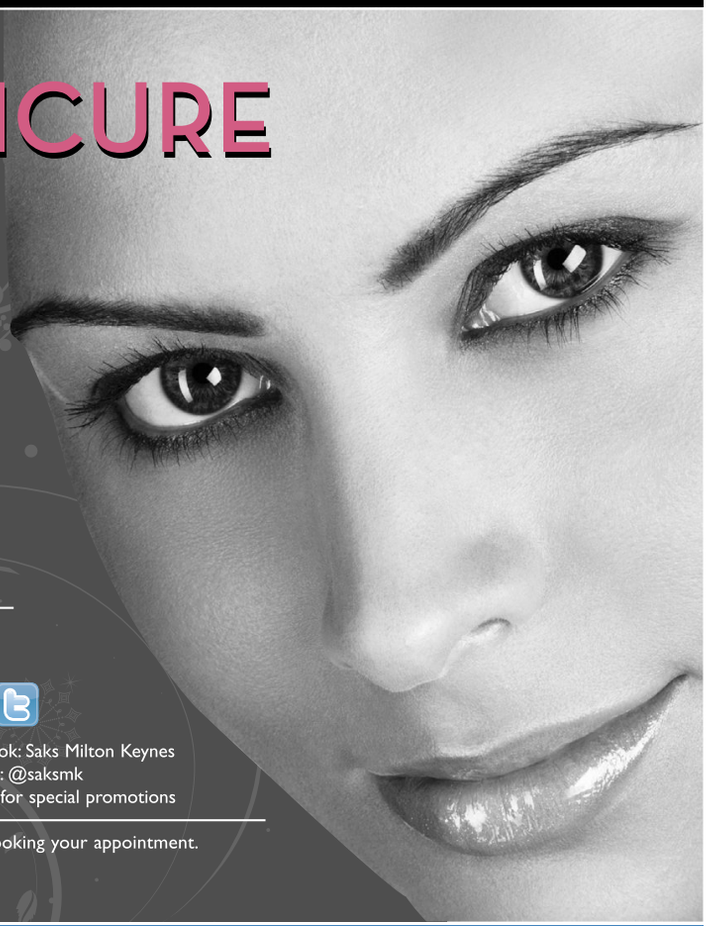

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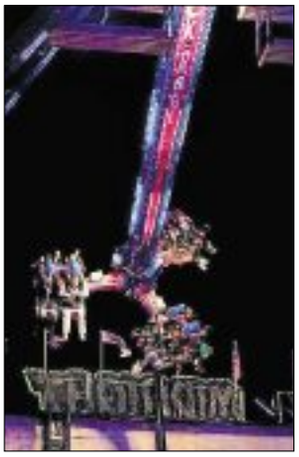

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What a view: The spectacular sight of fireworks and fairground lights across Campbell Park

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THOUSANDS of people turned out to enjoy the Keith Emmett and Sons fireworks display on Sunday.

The 20-minute long spectacular in Campbell Park was timed to music from artists like Katy Perry, James Arthur and Icona Pop.

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Rugby World Cup's team of champions

BY SCOTT KIRK
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Ready for the world cup: Leader of MK Council Andrew Geary

A YOUNG ambassadors project has been unveiled to help get young people interested in the 2015 Rugby World Cup.

Milton Keynes and Olney rugby clubs will have specially appointed ambassadors to help those aged between 16 and 20 get involved in the tournament.

Special events took place on Thursday at stadiummk and the other nine host cities across England to help champion the event.

They also marked two years to the final of the 2015 Rugby World Cup and the Young Rugby Ambassadors programme kicked off with regional briefing days involving hundreds of young volunteers and mentors.

Workshops also took place discussing ideas for community projects to inspire people about rugby, explore different leadership and ambassadorial styles and bring ex-players back into the game.

Leader of Milton Keynes Council Andrew Geary, a half-Canadian who is looking forward to Canada playing France in the competition at stadiummk, said the tournament represented a great opportunity to get more people into rugby in the city.

He added: "This is our chance to create a rugby legacy. That is very much a part of the bid and we don't just want to host matches in Milton Keynes.

"The legacy issue is about inspiring young people to come out and play rugby because it can be seen as quite elitist when it isn't."

RFU figures want each ambassador to try to bring two people into rugby, whether that is participating, supporting or officiating the sport.

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The changing face

REPORTER Jessica Duncan looks at what has changed about our town's high streets and discovers the big challenges facing the shops there

THINK back about 20 years and people used to buy everything they needed on their high street.

A bookies in Newport Pagnell

They would do their food shopping, maybe get some new clothes, meet friends for lunch or take the children to the toy shop.

But now even the most popular town high streets have changed from what many remember.

Business associations in Newport Pagnell and Stony Stratford both agree that high streets have 'most definitely changed', but hopefully they are not 'dying'.

Charles Brindley, clerk of Stony Stratford Town Council, said: "High streets are not dying, they are changing.

"People are looking for different things on the high street than they were 20 years ago."

Recent research carried out by discount website Groupon revealed that, despite the internet having an impact on high streets, two thirds of the 2,000 people surveyed still prefer to visit shops.

Ross Ellens, chairman of the business association in Stony Stratford, said: "The internet is inevitably having an impact, but in the business confidence survey we ran over the summer, shopkeepers said there was more threat from the state of the economy than the internet."

Carolyn Hart, co-owner of Lavender Fields, a home accessories shop in Stony Stratford High Street, said: "We at least advertise on the internet to reach people from outside the town and show them there are nice shops in small towns and you don't always have to go to city centres."

Nowadays many of our high streets include stores you physically have to go to in order to use their services, for example hairdressers, bookies and tattoo shops.

They no longer include as much variety as cities, out of town shopping centres or the internet.

For example, there are currently five tattoo shops and four nail parlours in Newport Pagnell High Street.

Brian Rudd, chairman of Newport Pagnell's Business Association, said: "It is a worrying trend and certainly over the last five years things have changed.

"High streets are definitely

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# of our high streets

Supporting the high street: Carolyn Hart and Chris Newman, the co-owners of Lavender Fields

decreasing but I am hoping they are not going to die completely.

"The impact of the internet and out of town shopping has definitely hit high streets like Newport Pagnell."

Tony Palman, owner of Wyrdo's tattoo and mystical supplies shop in Newport Pagnell High Street, said: "We attract lots of customers from outside the town.

"People want to physically come to our shops to see our collection of crystals and not buy them on the internet."

Bringing in trade: Tony Palman, owner of Wyrdos tattoo shop

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The Local Government Pension Scheme is one of a dying breed known as a defined benefit scheme. It pays you a guaranteed pension based on a formula which takes into account the number of years you have been a member of the scheme and your final year's salary before retirement. It is otherwise known as a final salary scheme. Virtually

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all employers have given up offering defined benefit schemes and have replaced them with money purchase schemes. The public sector continues to offer defined benefit schemes.

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Left: The creator of the giant pumpkin who preyed on smaller ones.
Below: Pumpkin king Jack Skeleton and Oogie Boogie from The Nightmare Before Christmas and the entrance, if you dared, to Greenley's graveyard

Fright night spooks city

RESIDENTS enjoyed celebrating Hallowe'en in gruesome-style by making evil pumpkins.

A spook-tacular cemetery was also brought to life in Greenleys with zombies, witches and dead pirates who scared the neighbourhood with their haunting skeletons and human hands bursting out from the ground.

Other people sent us pictures of their pumpkin creations, which included familiar faces from the film The Nightmare Before Christmas.

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Night on beat is real eye-opener

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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IT WAS an hour before midnight on Hallowe'en when I arrived back at Central Milton Keynes Police Station after an exciting night of events.

I spent Thursday evening patrolling the streets with PC Daren Crowson.

In our Thames Valley Police patrol van we went to various housing estates in the city to check on the trick or treaters.

After driving around with all the children waving, we were called to a suspicious car in Broughton.

When we arrived we were met by the family who made the call because of a burglary earlier that day.

PC Crowson questioned people in the vehicle but nothing was suspected and they were told to move on.

The family were really grateful and seemed to admire the police's work.

PC Crowson said: "Helping people in the community is what I like most about this job."

Evening transport: The patrol van which Jessica spent her night in

From there, PC Crowson and I were called to a domestic case in Grange Farm where a woman and her mother were being threatened by the woman's ex-boyfriend. PC Crowson tried to establish what was happening and gave some tips.

Sitting there, I realised how much relationship advice he was offering.

He said: "I'm not a trained counsellor, but this takes up at least 50 per cent of my job."

Overall, the evening was a definite eye-opener.

It showed me how, despite some criticism, police officers are still seen as role models and they continue to work hard to try to help people in the community.

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Splash-tastic: Sophia Thorn, 60, is back in the pool

Sophia's back and is making a splash

A SWIMMING enthusiast is back in the pool without needing metal rods in her spine.

Sophia Thorn, 60, from Milton Keynes, suffers from scoliosis, which causes the spine to curve sideways.

But after a rigorous four-week course with Scoliosis SOS, she has recovered and doesn't need surgery.

"It really does feel good to have my life back," she said.

Turbine could save business

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A BUSINESSMAN says putting a wind turbine on his land will help save part of his company.

Stephen Gifkins, owner of MK Eventing in Hanslope, wants to erect the 89-metre high turbine because the subsidies the company will receive from the Government will provide crucial extra revenue for him.

Without it, he says the eventing side of the business would be forced to close.

"We can't carry on running our business the way it is without doing something like this," he said.

"I wouldn't say the turbine was an eyesore or a blight on the landscape – I would say it was pretty."

A planning application for the mast, which would power more than 400 homes, has been submitted to Milton Keynes Council.

More than 400 people have objected to the turbine and a campaign group called No Hanslope Turbine has been created, which also has a Facebook group.

Hanslope Park councillor, Andrew Geary, said the turbine was too close to houses and a public footpath.

He said: "It's no secret that the current administration has worked incredibly hard to implement policies which support small and medium developments.

"However, this is a much larger turbine that will have a negative impact on the landscape."

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Role model is a job for the boys

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE Open University is looking into the importance of male role models like David Beckham on boys and young men.

Experts from the university, which is based in the city, have teamed up with charity Action for Children to look at whether the absence of positive role models like the former England and Manchester United player has had an affect on boys and young men, particularly those in vulnerable situations.

Martin Robb, senior lecturer at the university, is leading the project and said: "There is an increasing public anxiety about boys and young men in society and this is something our research is responding to.

"Politicians, the media and professionals are concerned about their educational underachievement, increasing rates of suicide and poor mental health and involvement in offending and anti-social behaviour.

Study: OU lecturer Martin Robb and role model David Beckham

"A popular explanation for the so-called 'problem' of boys has been the apparent absence of positive male role models; but is this really the root cause? And will involving more men in work with boys make an impact? These are some of the questions we will be exploring."

The research project, called Beyond Male Role Models, will be carried out at Action for Children services across the UK for the next two years, using focus groups and interviews with both female and male welfare workers, volunteers and boys and young men receiving help from the charity.

The scheme is set to give fresh insights into young men's lives and contribute to improving professional practice in welfare settings.

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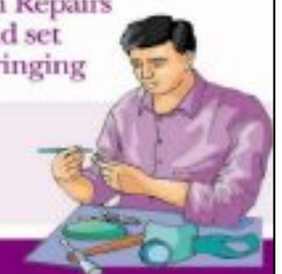

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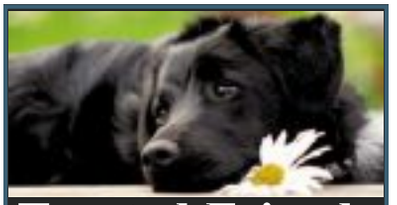

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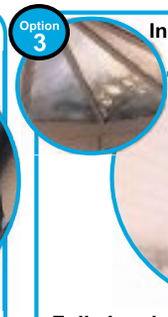

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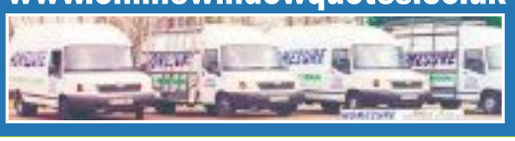

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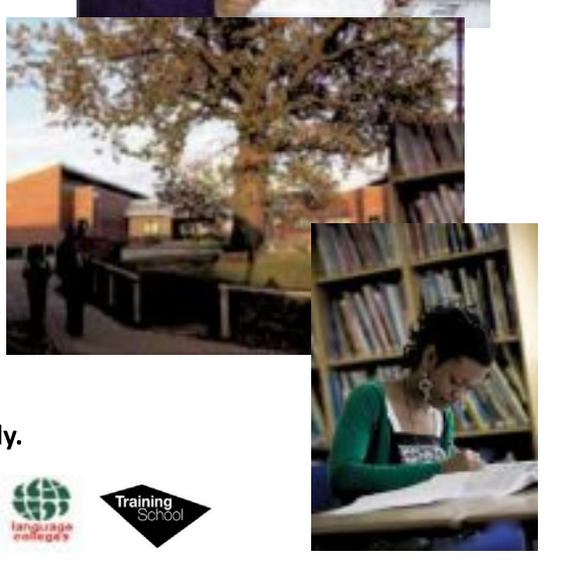

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Bowled over as new alley strikes chord with visitors

BY SCOTT KIRK
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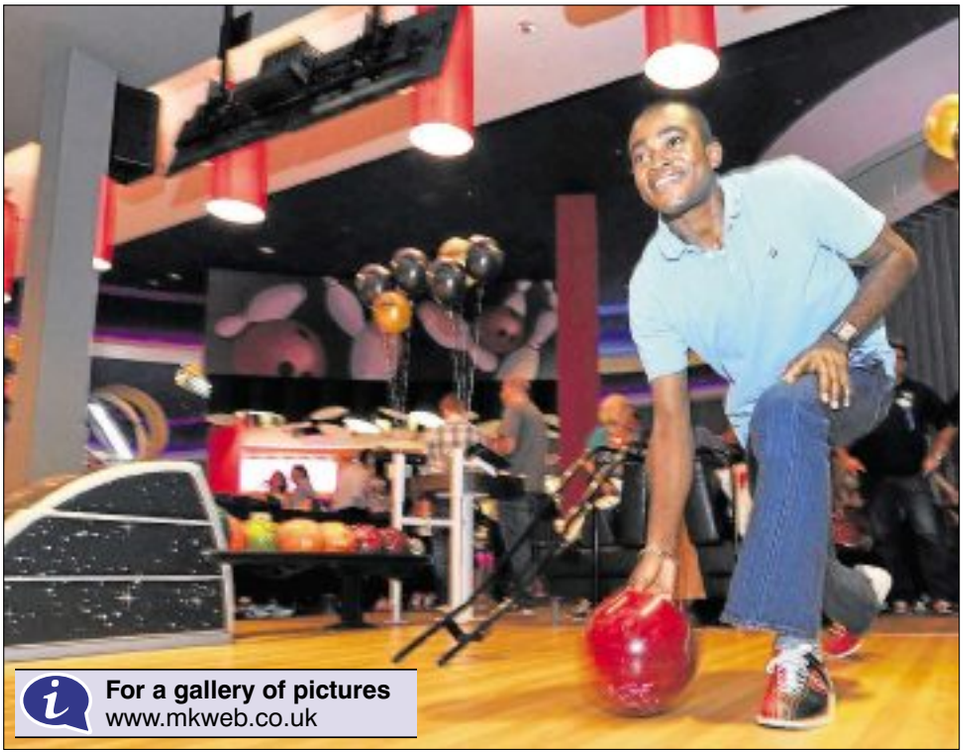

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A BOWLING alley has beaten its targets just three weeks after opening at Xscape.

Hollywood Bowl, which is on the top floor of the entertainment complex, is reporting profits 20 per cent above what it was expecting when it first opened.

Half-term provided a particular boost for the company as children and their parents visited the new venue, with the firm finishing 23 per cent ahead of its target in terms of the amount of money taken.

Hollywood Bowl expects to finish 20 per cent ahead of schedule by the end of the month as well.

And the company is so busy that people are having to pre-book lanes because the alleys are so full that it cannot accept walk-in customers at the moment.

"The success has been phenomenal," said Richard Whitaker, centre manager.

"It has been a successful start to the business and another thing that has really pleased me is that every single member of the team who began at the company is still with us, so they seem to be enjoying their jobs.

"We've been full all week in half-term, which is great."

But Mr Whitaker wants Hollywood Bowl to become more than a place just for people to throw balls down the lane.

He wants to turn it into an entertainment venue where people can eat and drink, with bowling an option should they want to do it.

"The long-term goal is for us to become the venue of choice for eating, drinking and bowling," he said.

"We'd like to be able to create an experience where people can come not just to bowl.

"That would be my ideal goal for Hollywood Bowl here."

As part of that ambition, comfortable sofas have been placed at the end of each alley as opposed to the usual plastic seating to make the experience more relaxed.

And another goal Mr Whitaker wants to achieve is for hen and stag dos to use Hollywood Bowl as a place for their parties, as well as companies using it for Christmas dos or team-building exercises.

"We have already got more than 40 Christmas parties booked," he added. "We are the kind of venue that can cater for those things and if we can get hen and stag dos in then that would be great.

"I would love a company to come in and hire all 18 alleys for their employees eventually."

City assisting economic lift

MILTON Keynes is helping Britain come out of the economic recession by attracting investment from blue chip companies, according to a national accountancy firm.

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) said that with the number of people out of work in Milton Keynes being well below average, business confidence is growing in the city as well as nationally.

Mike Robinson, senior partner at PwC's Milton Keynes office, said: "It is becoming clear that stability linked to low interest rates and the Bank of England's commitment to maintain this for some time yet is having a positive impact on the economy as a whole.

"In Milton Keynes, while unemployment levels are relatively low compared to some other areas of the UK, it is important that any interest rate rise doesn't come too soon."

The Office for National Statistics showed that the UK economy expanded 0.8 per cent in Q3 2013 – the strongest quarterly growth figure since 2010. The reason for the upturn has been put down to strong growth in the retail and business sectors.

Services output is now back above its pre-recession peak, even though total GDP is still 2.5 per cent below that level.

PwC now estimates that UK GDP growth will average 1.4 per cent this year and, barring any major adverse global shocks, this should rise to around 2.4 per cent next year.

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Lindsey Stills is opening Veronica Couture, in Weston Road, and to celebrate a free veil, tiara and half-price alterations are available with every bridal gown ordered during the opening weekend.

Indian restaurant reopens
INDIAN restaurant Dinajpur has reopened its doors in Fenny Stratford.

Dinajpur, in Aylesbury Street, underwent a major refurbishment before opening again to customers a few weeks ago.

New MK chamber members
MILTON Keynes Chamber has appointed two new members at its city office to meet the needs of businesses in the borough.

The chamber has employed Simon Elton as business development executive and Gordon Angus as membership account co-ordinator. Both will be based permanently in the Milton Keynes office.

Simon has been promoted to the role after being a membership account co-ordinator at Northamptonshire Chamber for more than a year, while Gordon has more than 20 years' experience of working in the banking sector.

More than 100 members have joined the chamber since its inception three months ago.

John takes over wine bar
A NEW manager is taking over Olney Wine Bar.

John O'Grady, previously of the Three Cranes at Turvey, has 17 years' experience in the pub trade.

The wine bar, in High Street South, will also reopen on Sundays and there is a new lunch menu.

Santander staff help school
EMPLOYEES from Santander in Milton Keynes spent a day at Slated Row School building a pig pen and planting a bee and butterfly garden.

The team was there as part of the bank's Community Days scheme.

Insurance brokers retire
INSURANCE brokers Jeff Robins and Jeff Lehmann have sold Coversure in Newport Pagnell after 13 years of providing general insurance policies.

Determined to keep Coversure Milton Keynes an insurance broker owned and run by local people, brokers Hemal and Ravita Patel have taken over the High Street-based business.

Mr Patel said: "We're really looking forward to providing the existing Milton Keynes customers with the same levels of service that they have become accustomed to for more than 24 years."

Employment law briefing
EMPLOYMENT lawyer Maria Gallucci has joined Woodfines' Milton Keynes office and will host a free employment law breakfast briefing.

Maria joins the firm as a senior associate and will advise on employment issues.

The briefing takes place at the Holiday Inn Express in Fox Milne from 8am on Wednesday, November 27 and is open to all businesses.

Stationery shop welcomed
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A very green bottle: Eric Collins, managing director of Nampak Plastics which is behind the Infini design

Plastic bottle firm wins British award

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A PLASTIC bottle company excelled at the British Engineering Excellence Awards (BEEAs) by winning Green Product of the Year for its multi-award winning Infini design.

Nampak Plastics in Interchange Park, Newport Pagnell, beat five shortlisted competitors to the title, including Dyson Airblade Tap, after it helped reduce the carbon footprint with its new type of bottle.

The company recently trialled, tested and supplied the first four-pint milk bottle containing up to 30 per cent reycycled high-density polyethylene, as opposed to a non-recycled version.

This breakthrough came after Nampak created a four-pint Infini bottle weighing 32g, saving 20 per cent on materials compared to the standard four-pint version.

These factors mean savings of 35,000 tonnes of material each year.

Eric Collins, managing director, said: "We're delighted that our Infini bottle has been recognised as Green Product of the Year at the BEEAs. This is an area we feel very strongly about at Nampak. The team has worked extremely hard, undertaking a four-year journey to reduce the weight and carbon footprint of the standard milk bottle.

"At Nampak we see sustainability at the very heart of our business, from our commitment to producing innovative, lightweight packaging solutions, to understanding how our processes impact on the environment."

More than 300million Infini bottles have been sold and stocked in retailers including M&S, Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Tesco and Morrisons.

Expo 3.0 returns in 2014

BUSINESS Expo 3.0 will return to Milton Keynes in 2014 following the success of this year's event.

The largest business exhibition in Milton Keynes will be held at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel at stadiummk on March 6.

The first Business Expo 3.0 was held in March, which was attended by 100 exhibitors and 1,500 delegates including Mayor of Milton Keynes Brian White, four Ministers of Parliament and two members of the House of Lords.

More than 5,000 visitors and more than 150 exhibitors are expected next year.

Milton Keynes Council, MK College, Invest MK, MAS The IoD Bucks, FSB North Bucks and 4N Networking are among the major supporters of the event. Stands are being secured quickly so companies are invited to act sooner rather than later.

Confirmed 2014 exhibitors include Santander, Ikea, Toyota, FSB, Woburn Estates, MK College Companies House and Costco.

Business Expo 3.0 was founded and developed by Rapid Sales Solutions Limited which organised this year's exhibition in seven months through a combination of telemarketing, video and social media.

For more information call the team on 01908 299050.

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Make sure your tree is not just fir Christmas

BY SARAH COX
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A BUSINESS renting out 'live' Christmas trees is hoping to make the festive season a little bit greener.

A new fir tree rental company has set up shop just off the M1 and delivers to residents in Milton Keynes.

The company has acquired a vast amount of land to build a tree park offering a unique opportunity for the domestic, retail and corporate markets to rent a Christmas tree.

Christmas 2012 ran as a pilot scheme and the positive outcome was a contract with The Virgin Group accelerating the growth plan for the business.

TreesForRent deliver and collect a living Christmas tree to a house or business before and after Christmas making it the most eco-friendly way to celebrate the festive period.

They come in different sizes and because they are living trees they will not discolour or drop their needles.

Chief executive officer of TreesForRent, Tina Haynes, said: "The idea came out of an interest in green energy.

"Every time you cut a tree down, the environment can take up to 10 years to rebalance. And thanks to our fondness for the smell of fresh pine, more than five million fir trees face the chop every year and most of them are then just shredded.

"We use 'air pots' to grow our trees in, which we lift out when a customer is ready to have the tree in their home or business.

"Then we come and collect it when the season is over. The tree is alive the whole time.

"The plants are then nurtured for another year, ready for the next festive season.

"People love the fact that we deliver and collect the trees.

"It means no fuss, no mess in your car and you're doing your bit for the environment."

As for the sumptuous smell of pine filling your home, Tina said: "That's the smell of the tree dying, so a live one is a much nicer option."

Prices for a 6ft tree begin at £99 including delivery and collection. For information visit www.treesforrent.com or call 0845 0450 129.

Dreaming of a green Christmas: A fir tree grown in special pots by TreesForRent to keep them alive and with no mess

OU agrees to Living Wage

THE Open University is celebrating National Living Wage Week by agreeing to extend its Living Wage to all staff.

It is calculated to be the amount of pay per hour needed for a worker to support a family with the 'essentials of life'.

This level is currently set at £7.65 an hour outside London, which compares to the minimum wage of £6.31 an hour.

Currently all directly employed staff in the OU are paid above the Living Wage level, but there are a number of contract staff who as yet are not.

Alan Burrell, director of estates at The Open University, said: "It is important, as a socially-responsible employer, that all of our staff are able to provide for themselves and their families.

"We know that there are potential benefits for the OU too, such as increased motivation and morale. We are proud to become a Living Wage employer."

From August 2014, contract staff such as cleaners, caterers and a small number affected from security working at the OU will move to the new pay scale.

The Open University joins 400 accredited Living Wage employers across the country.

Citizens:MK has been campaigning to increase the number of accredited Living Wage employers in the city.

At the hub of the community

MILTON Keynes College's Silbury Campus is offering a hub of top class facilities, accommodation and support for new businesses.

Office space is up for grabs to new companies and employers moving in from outside the city. Businesses can also take advantage of training courses and management and leadership qualifications provided by college lecturers.

Near neighbours from the business community in Silbury Boulevard have been treated to a sneak preview of the facilities.

Amar Chauhan is the managing director of Apollo Live, which is already based at the campus.

He said: "Being at Silbury Campus has significantly helped the business. It is in a central location, which is essential, and it has helped increase our productivity, which ultimately leads to growth."

The facilities are part of a push by the college to integrate with businesses.

Director of business and engagement, Jane Horridge, said: "I was delighted to see so many local businesses come to meet us."

Getting a handle on passing trade: Twenty3c's café premises

Bike shop adds cake to mix

A STONY Stratford bike shop has moved premises, doubled its retail space and added a 30-seater café to attract passing customers.

Twenty3c is now based in Stony Stratford's High Street and the owners hope that even if a new bike doesn't catch your eye, then a range of cakes and coffees will.

Firm wins big award

A COMPANY with a showroom in Milton Keynes was commissioned to build four of the five bars used in the international Restaurant and Bar Design Awards 2013.

Chiltern Marble is also celebrating after the Atrium Bar at the ME Hotel in London won the overall award, which the company supplied the granite and marble for.

Chiltern Marble was also asked to present The Bar Asia Award to the winners of the category, Cronus from Japan.

Director Paul Mullee said: "This shows that British companies have the potential and ability to compete among the best and most highly skilled stonemasons and designers in the world."

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However, I would now like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to both you personally, and also to Karen and Colin of your sales team, for all the help and support your branch of Taylors Executive Homes provided during the whole sales process from start to finish.

Your help and advice in placing the property on the market, together with the quality of your marketing presentation and advertising, all combined to create an appropriate market offering leading to a successful sales conclusion. This coupled with the very professional, friendly and practical support provided by you and all your team, and particularly Karen who initially introduced the eventual purchaser, during the whole sales process, and especially during potential purchaser viewings, all helped to make the sale progress smoothly to a satisfactory conclusion within a short a time as possible.

In summary selling a house and moving is not an easy or straightforward process, but using your branch of Taylors Executive Homes estate agents enabled this to be successfully and satisfactorily achieved in a very positive and timely manner.

Your sincerely

Mr C

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Jokes and a few lies

ALEX Horne is a 30-year-old who claims to be a 'multi-Bafta award-winning stand up and platinum-selling R&B artist'.

However, he does also appear to be a compulsive liar and the tour is called Lies.

His shows feature himself, a panda, some jokes and some more lies, although we certainly aren't lying when we say that it's bound to get you laughing.

Alex is also the creator and host of critically acclaimed The Horne Section, who have enjoyed numerous sell-out runs in Edinburgh and London, as well as two successful Radio 4 series and a hosting spot on Never Mind The Buzzcocks – the first band to be invited to host.

Alex Horne will get you chuckling at The Stables at 8.45pm tomorrow.

Tickets cost from £12 when bought from www.stables.org or by calling the box office on 01908 280800.

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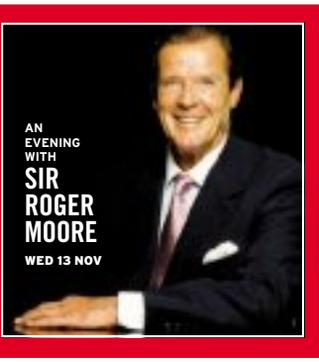

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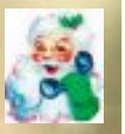

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THE Works is this week opening a new store at thecentre:mk in Milton Keynes.

To celebrate, MK LIFE has teamed up with the discount retailer to give five readers the chance to win a £100 gift card to spend in store.

With Christmas on the horizon, The Works has a great range of games, books, toys, art and craft materials, perfect if you are planning quality time together, or are looking for a great festive present for your loved ones – what will you discover?

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charitymusic

A MASKED open mic night will be held this weekend in aid of MK Kids with Cancer.

Listen to fantastic music, or perform in the atmospheric surroundings of The Snobar in Xscape.

Audiences should go wearing a mask and anyone who performs will receive a free drink. A raffle will also be held with prizes including the chance to win two tickets to 2014 race meetings at Silvertone and a spa day for two at Whittlebury Hall.

The event will be on Sunday from 8-11pm. Entry costs £2 in advance, or £3 on the door.

Meanwhile, an Olly Murs tribute act will be held at The Kardamom Lounge, Stony Stratford, to raise money for MacIntyre's Great Holm Project.

Tickets to the event, starting at 7.30pm, cost £20 and include a four-course meal. To book call 01908 567481.

BOB Streatfeild is a ranger at Woburn Safari Park. In his latest column for MK LIFE he talks about the park's new arrival and the staff's Movember challenge

WE ARE welcoming a new chap in Animal Encounters this month.

Max, a 15-year-old male Californian sea lion, has arrived at Woburn Safari Park and he's settling in well.

Lucky Max will live outdoors at Sea Lion Beach with his four female companions Sprat and Monica and their daughters Kira and Leoni.

The keepers are hoping that Max will breed with the females and we'll have the first pups to be born at the park since 2005.

We're really looking forward to the potential prospect of a sea lion pup next year.

He's caused quite a stir with them since being introduced, perhaps that's because of his fantastic moustache! In very timely fashion, Max is sporting a fantastically dapper moustache in time for Movember.

The Moburn Safari Park team has signed up to raise money for prostate and testicular cancer and mental health issues.

Along with some of the dedicated team here at the park, I'll be growing my facial foliage in the hope that it's as impressive as Max's!

thorreview

The highly anticipated second helping of the hammer wielding avenger hits the big screen this month in an action-packed and visually stunning sequel.

Thor: The Dark World sees the Norse god battling to save the Nine Realms from the dark elves, who plan to use the evil Aether to destroy the universe.

Jaw-dropping scenery sweep you into a wonderous fantasy world as humour breaks up the action into bite-sized chunks, with CGI and intense battles making a very entertaining watch.

Chrisrtopher Eccleston as the sinister Malekith dominates the screen but it's Stellan Skarsgard who steals the show as Eric Selvig, whose mental break-down results in humorous insanity.

Natalie Portman disappoints as Jane Foster, whose trip to Asgard seems to shake a few brain cells loose resulting in a very flat performance.

Thor: The Dark World packs a punch and delivers an entertaining ride across the universe – and you'll be rewarded if you stay after the credits too…

★★★★½

Rachael West

danceevening

DANCERS from across the UK will be arriving in the city for one night only.

Seeing Sounds will be an exhilarating visual experience that showcases some of the country's best dance talent.

Audiences will be able to enjoy a variety of performances from more than 15 acts.

The event aims to help raise money for Danceaid Charity, which helps orphaned, poor and disabled children around the world.

Some of the confirmed acts so far include Alchemy, a professional dance company which specialises in salsa, mambo and Afro Latin jazz.

PL Dance Company, which combines hip-hop, contemporary, ballet and martial arts, will also take to the stage along with OnPoint Dance Studio, a street and hip-hop school that performs around Milton Keynes.

Tickets for the performance at Stantonbury Campus Theatre on Sunday from 5.30-7.30pm, cost £10 and can be bought at www.purchase.tickets.com

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hollieday

SINCE emerging as an important component of the magnificent 60s British pop revolution, The Hollies' hallmark sound has not wavered during their 50 years of recording and performing live around the world.

Frontman Peter Howarth joined in 2004 and seems to have blended well with the established members, who were set up by Tony Hicks and Bobby Elliott when they first played together in 1961.

And fans can see the group perform at Milton Keynes Theatre on Sunday at 7.30pm.

Recently The Hollies were honoured by the prestigious American Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame for their impact on the evolution, development, and perpetuation of rock 'n' roll'.

Tickets for the gig cost between £25.40 and £30.40 from www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

musicalpairing

CHORAL ensemble Musarc have teamed up with singer, composer and performer Melanie Pappenheim, *pictured*, to create a dramatic collage exploring the spaces of MK Gallery.

Music and physical performances will also take place at the free event from 7.30pm on Saturday to the theme of Peter Dreher's paintings, which are currently on display.

Musarc is one of London's most progressive amateur choirs. The ensemble collaborates with artists and composers to challenge traditional ways of making music.

Melanie Pappenheim is a singer, composer and performer who mixes music with visual art.

Her voice can be heard on countless TV and film scores, including Gangs Of New York, Eyes Wide Shut and Dr Who.

She was also the soloist in the first ever Dr Who Prom in 2008.

atlantisfun

CURRENTLY showing in the prime-time BBC One slot on a Saturday night is Atlantis – and I have to say it's really growing on me, writes Scott Kirk**.**

The special effects may not be as slick as some of the American TV shows, but the characters are very likeable.

Hercules steals the show for me. Played by the super talented Mark Addy, who was King Robert Baratheon in the successful Game of Thrones, he plays a funny, almost feckless version of Hercules which goes against what history tells us.

It's a bold move by the writers but I think it works. He's produced genuine belly laughs from me and I can't wait to see his capers next week.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MK life HOT PICKS

creative workshops

BRANCH Out MK will hold its new Ring in a Day and creative writing workshops this weekend.

Learn how to make a piece of jewellery with award-winning designer Katie Roberts or do some writing with Deborah Fielding.

Both events take place on Saturday from 10am-4pm at Milton Keynes Art Centre in Parklands and cost between £65 and 85.

For more information contact Theresa Wedderburn on 07900 882740.

online for an interview with james visit our website **mkweb.co.uk**

family fun

THERE will be family fun with Milton Keynes Hospital's Leo the Lion this weekend.

The event will feature a variety of children's entertainment and facepainting.

It will take place on Saturday outside Caffé Italia in Midsummer Place from 9am.

james bond

SIR Roger Moore, the legendary film star who played the iconic role of James Bond, is coming to Milton Keynes Theatre for one night only.

The Hollywood star will be chatting with biographer Gareth Owen about his astonishing life and career in front of an audience next Wednesday.

The night will also include a chance to put your questions to him at the end of the show.

The evening starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £28.90 from www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

city orchestra

MILTON Keynes City Orchestra (MKCO) kicks off its new concert season at The Venue, Walton High Campus.

Bold and New will feature Nicholas Cox, a clarinet player, performing the stunning Mozart Clarinet Concerto.

He will be accompanied by MKCO and guest conductor Robin Browning, who is making his debut.

Tickets for the event, on Friday at 7.30pm, range from £10-£20 with some £5 tickets for under 18s still available.

To buy yours visit www.mkco.org

comedy capers

EDINBURGH Comedy Award best show nominee James Acaster will be taking to the stage at The Cannon in Newport Pagnell on November 17.

The Kettering funnyman, who has appeared on shows such as Never Mind the Buzzcocks, is taking his Lawnmower tour around Britain.

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Woburn Sands

THIS is a well presented four-bedroom Victorian detached property built in 1880.

It boasts a detached 2,100sq ft (approx) brick two-storey building (formally The Rope Works built in 1910), which has been converted to comprise office/gym and games room/office with cloakroom, self-contained ground floor annexe flat with kitchen/dining room, lounge, bedroom and en-suite shower room and self-contained annexe cottage with kitchen/dining room, lounge, bedroom and bathroom.

The main house briefly comprises entrance hall, three reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, en-suite shower room, four double bedrooms, box room, family bathroom and double glazed Anderson sash windows.

Both the main house and additional building have been extensively refurbished by the present vendors.

The property has good size mature back gardens with a driveway leading to parking to the front and rear of the house and a single garage.

Full colour details can be found at www.beasley-partners.co.uk.

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- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Garden
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Pennycress Way £300,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Utility Room
- En-Suite
- Garage
- Rear Garden

Newport Pagnell £299,995

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Office/Fourth Bedroom
- Shower Room

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- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Bathroom
- Gardens

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- Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Popular Location of Great Linford
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Enclosed Garden & Parking

PUBLIC NOTICE £110,000

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Milton Keynes £62,000

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Newport Pagnell £350,000

Four bedroom semi detached property set in a private cul-de-sac location and offers an easy commute to the M1. Includes kitchen/diner, two large reception rooms, garage and excellent decor.

Newport Pagnell £250,000

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Newport Pagnell £230,000

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Willen £167,500

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OXLEY PARK £459,950

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- Executive traditional two storey
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- Separate lounge
- Separate dining room
- Formal study/office
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility room
- En suite to master bedroom
- Galleried landing
- Detached double garage
- Front & rear gardens

NEW

NEWPORT PAGNELL £179,950

- Victorian terraced
- Two/three bedrooms
- Open plan lounge
- Real open fireplace
- Kitchen/diner
- Downstairs bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Courtyard
- Extensive garden
- No upper chain

NO CHAIN

TATTENHOE £234,950

- Semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Corner plot
- Cloakroom
- Double glazing
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Garage
- Off road parking
- Cul-de-sac
- No upper chain
- Viewing

MUST BE SOLD

OAKRIDGE PARK £329,950

- Detached family home
- Four excellent bedrooms
- En suite to master bedroom
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Separate lounge
- Formal dining room
- Study/office
- Luxury 'Hi gloss' kitchen
- Cul de sac location
- Porcelain tiled flooring
- Karndean flooring
- Single garage

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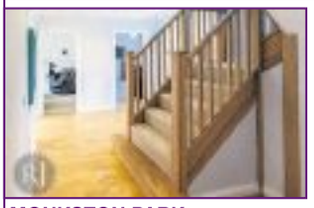

MONKSTON PARK £549,950

- Detached executive 'Farmhouse'
- Four double bedrooms
- En suite to master bedroom
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- Formal lounge
- Formal dining room/family room
- Study (currently used as a boot room)
- Solid oak flooring
- Under floor heating
- 330meg FTTP
- High security off road parking
- No chain

MUST BE VIEWED

CONNIBURROW £149,950

- End of terrace
- Three bedrooms
- Excellent condition
- Cloakroom
- First floor lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Garage
- Driveway
- Rear garden
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Close to CMK

NEW

OXLEY PARK £244,950

- Semi detached
- Three/Four beds
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Cloakroom
- En-suite to master
- Double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Driveway
- Front & rear gardens
- Built circa 2009

NEW

LOUGHTON £950,000

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Monkston Park £419,995

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Coffee Hall £250,000

- Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge
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- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Driveway
- In Need Of Work

Bradwell £165,000

- First Floor
- Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Excellent Condition
- Secure Entrance

Springfield £119,995

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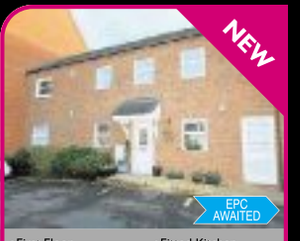
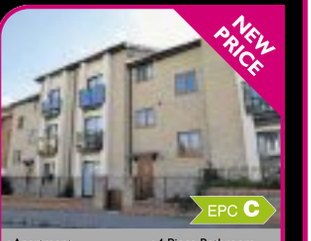


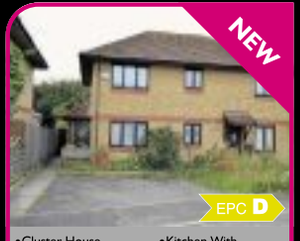
- First Floor
- Maisonette
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Parking
- Shared Ownership

Bletchley £75,000



- Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Own Entrance
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 4 Piece Bathroom
- Gated Garden
- Kitchen With Appliances

Broughton £168,000



- Cluster House
- 1 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Private Garden
- Kitchen With Appliances
- Parking
- FEES APPLY

Wavendon Gate pcm £650

- Refurbished Throughout
- Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
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- FEES APPLY

Eaglestone pcm £850

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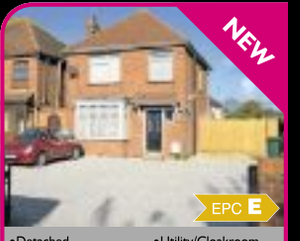
Bletchley pcm £875



- Detached
- Refurbished
- 3 Bedrooms
- Separate Receptions
- Utility/Cloakroom
- Ample Parking
- Immaculate
- FEES APPLY

Bletchley pcm £995

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- Apartment
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- Kitchen
- Garden Area
- Parking
- FEES APPLY

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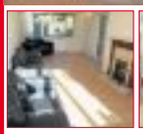

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- No upper chain
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- Energy rating C

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- Lounge through dining room
- Cul-de-sac location
- Energy Rating D

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- Allocated car port
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- 3 bedrooms
- End of terrace
- UPVC double glazing (w/s)
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- No upper chain
- Energy rating E

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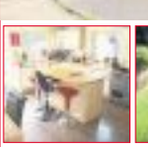

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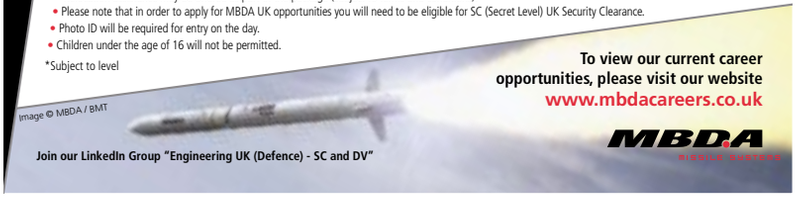

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The successful candidate will have:-

- Recognised management experience, a business degree or equivalent related professional qualification.
- Knowledge and experience of systems and support services essential to efficient/effective management of school life.
- Management or business experience, including strategic planning, HR, financial planning and team management. Preferably have relevant experience of working in the state-funded education sector.

Details of job description, person specification and application form can be found on the school's website www.alameda.beds.sch.uk

For further enquiries or arrange a visit, please contact Mrs Ivory-Webb Tel: 01525 750900 ext. 302 or e-mail DIvory-Webb@alameda.beds.sch.uk

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For further details and an application form please send a Large letter SAE to the school address, telephone 01582 572880 or email: woodlands.sec.admin@luton.gov.uk

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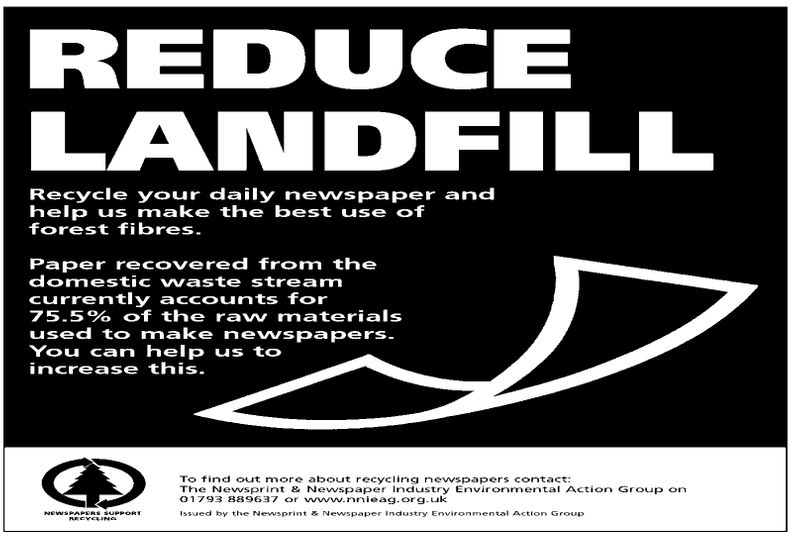

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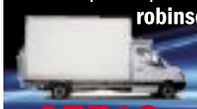

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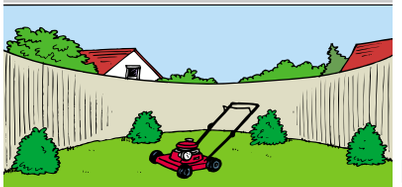

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(A) THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 13 TO NEWPORT PAGNELL SERVICES) SLIP ROADS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M1 Motorway in Central Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes to allow for the removal of redundant lighting columns and cabling to be carried out in safety.

The works would take place overnight (10pm to 6am weekdays) starting on, or after, Thursday 28 November 2013 and last for 2 weeks.

The effect of the Order would be to close the M1 –

- southbound exit and northbound entry slip roads at J13 – diverting southbound traffic to J14, A509 and A421 back to J13 and vice versa for northbound,
- any of the slip roads leading to or from the M1 at J14 – diverting southbound traffic wishing to exit at J14 to J13 to turn around and continue to J14, southbound traffic wishing to join at J14 to proceed via the A509 and A421 to join the southbound M1 at J13, northbound traffic wishing to join the M1 at J14 to proceed via the M1 southbound to J13 turn and join the northbound carriageway and traffic wishing to leave the northbound M1 at J14 to exit at J13 and proceed via the A421 and A509 to J14, and
- any of the slip roads leading to or from the M1 at the Newport Pagnell Motorway Service Area (MSA). Access to the MSA would be limited and the MSA would be closed between 10pm and 6am, vehicles wishing to exit during these times to be escorted by gate men

The closures (which would not apply to emergency service, traffic officer, winter service maintenance or works vehicles) and diversion routes would be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order would come into force on 25 November 2013 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs Y A Tomkins, An official of the Highways Agency

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 123(1), (2A)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to dispose of a parcel of land which consists of or forms part of open space land situated adjacent to Hadrians Drive Bancroft Milton Keynes.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to The Estates Manager, The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS, by no later than 13th November 2013.

A plan of the land affected by the intended disposal is available for inspection at the office of the Council's Estates Manager at the above address.

30th October 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(STATION SQUARE, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES)
(PROHIBITION OF U-TURN) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 6 November 2013 made the above named Order under sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act). The Order comes into effect on 7 November 2013 and its effect is to prohibit vehicles from carrying out the following manoeuvres along the south-eastern vehicular accessway within Station Square, Central Milton Keynes as follows:-

U-turn manoeuvres - from the south-westbound carriageway (between its junction with Elder Gate and the south-western kerbline of Station Square, to the north-eastbound carriageway (between its junction with Elder Gate and the south-western kerbline of Station Square).

A copy of the Order, the statement of reasons for proposing the Order, and a map showing the lengths of carriageway referred to, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks of the date upon which the Order was made, apply to High Court for this purpose.

6 November 2013

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SECTION 53 OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
PART 2 (BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, MILTON KEYNES BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA ONLY)
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT
THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (UNRECORDED FOOTPATH - PARISH OF BROUGHTON AND MILTON KEYNES) DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

The above named Order, made on 14th September 2012 was confirmed without modification by Milton Keynes Council on 25th September 2013. The effect of the Order is to modify the Part 2 (Buckinghamshire County Council, Milton Keynes Borough Council Area Only) Definitive Map and Statement by adding the footpath described in the Schedule below, following discovery by the authority of evidence which (when considered with all other relevant evidence available to them) shows that a right of way which is not shown on the map or in the statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over the land in the area to which the map and statement relates, being a right of way to which this part applies.

A copy of the confirmed order and the order map may be seen free of charge at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3HG from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday - Friday. Copies of the confirmed order and the order map may be bought there at the price of £3.00.

Dated this 6th day of November 2013.

Ifty Ali, Principal Solicitor - Law & Governance
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SCHEDULE
(Part I)
Modification of Part 2 (Buckinghamshire County Council, Milton Keynes Borough Council Area Only) Definitive Map
Description of public footpath to be added

The route commences at the end of the redway adjacent to the Sustrans cycle route known as 'Route 51' at the point marked A on the Order Map at National Grid Reference ("NGR") SP487763/238858. The route then proceeds in an easterly direction for a distance of 23 metres before curving in a southerly direction for a further distance of 14 metres to the point marked B on the Order Map at NGR SP487796/238849. The route then runs in an easterly direction for a distance of 592 metres where it joins the underpass to the highway known as Brickhill Street (V10) at the point marked C on the Order Map at NGR SP488364/238804. The route has a total length of 629 metres and a width of 1.8 metres throughout. The public footpath shall be known as Footpath No.32 in the Parish of Broughton and Milton Keynes.

(Part II)
Modification of Part 2 (Buckinghamshire County Council, Milton Keynes Borough Council Area Only) Definitive Statement
Particulars of public footpath to be added

Path Ref No	Type of path	Description of route		Width	Limitation or condition affecting public right of way	Remarks
		From	To			
No.32	FP	End of red way adjacent to Sustrans cycleway known as 'Route 51'	Easterly for 23 metres, curving southerly for 14 metres and then easterly for 592 metres to join with underpass to Brickhill Street (V10)	1.8 metres	None	Route is surfaced with tarmac and illuminated by lighting columns

ADOPTION STATEMENT
WIND TURBINES SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT
AND EMERGING POLICY 2013

In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given that:

- The Wind Turbine Supplementary Planning Document and Emerging Policy 2013 document was adopted on 16 October 2013 (http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=10415).
- Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the Supplementary Planning Document and Emerging Policy may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision.
- Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than 3 months after the date on which the document was adopted.

The adopted Wind Turbines Supplementary Planning Document and Emerging Policy 2013 document, a statement summarising the main issues raised during the formal consultation period and details of modifications made as a result of representations, together with a copy of this Adoption Statement, can be viewed on the Council's website at http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/wind-turbines-supplementary-planning-document-spd-and-emerging-policy-2013-adopted-october-2013

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (DULVERTON DRIVE (PART), FURZTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 6 November 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Dulverton Drive, Furzton, Milton Keynes from its junction with Carhampton Court and Luccombe to its junction with Dunster Court whilst reconstruction works are carried out to the existing speed tables. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 9.00 am on Monday 11 November 2013 until 8.00 pm on Friday 22 November 2013.

Whilst the temporary restrictions are in effect the alternative route will be via Dulverton Drive, then the V3 Fulmer Street, Blackmoor Gate and on to Dulverton Drive, and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

Access to residential properties within the affected length of road will be maintained throughout the closure.

The Order comes into operation on 11 November 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(WOOD STREET (PART), WOBURN SANDS)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 6 November 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because essential repair works are to be carried out to a burst water main. The effect of this is to temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic from proceeding along that length of Wood Street, Woburn Sands from its junction with Theydon Avenue for a distance of approximately 20 metres in a southerly direction. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from Monday 11 November 2013 to Wednesday 13 November 2013 for 24 hours each day.

The alternative route is via Theydon Avenue, Station Road, Chapel Street and Wood Street, and vice versa.

There are no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being used for operational purposes.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance.

The applicant will notify all affected residents in advance of works taking place.

The Order comes into operation on 11 November 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (DENBIGH ROAD (PART), DENBIGH WEST, BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 6 November 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Denbigh Road, Denbigh West, Bletchley, Milton Keynes from its junction with Granby Roundabout for a distance of approximately 50 metres in a south-easterly direction, whilst essential repair works are carried out to a burst water main. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm on Sunday 10 November 2013 inclusive.

There are no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

Whilst the temporary restrictions are in effect the alternative route will be via the H10 Bletcham Way, Watling Street and Denbigh Road, Bletchley.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The applicant will notify all affected residents of the forthcoming closure at least 1 week prior to the works taking place.

The Order comes into operation on 10 November 2013 and continues in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/02127/FUL	Loft conversion with pitched roof dormer to rear elevation and roof windows to front elevation at 53 Victoria Street, Wolverton
13/02182/TPO	Tree preservation order consent for 25% crown reduction of Ash/Hawthorne border and removal of overhanging branches at 5 Weldon Rise, Loughton
13/02262/TPO	Tree preservation order consent for various works to Scots Pine trees (Numbered 49 - 63 and 65 - 67) at Sandy Mount, Station Road, Woburn Sands
13/02266/FUL	Replacement soffits, gutters, windows and doors at Flat 1B, 46 High Street, Newport Pagnell
13/02267/TCA	Notification of intention to crown thin by 15-20%, remove all deadwood and crown raise to 1.8m one Ash tree at Bagatelle, Clifton Road, Newton Blossomville
13/02273/FUL	Relocation of gas meter to front elevation (part resubmission of 13/01129/FUL) at 4 Silver End, Olney
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
13/02226/LBC	Installation of replacement TV aerial at Chicheley Hall, Hall Lane, Chicheley

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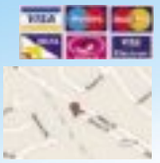

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NEWPORT Pagnell moved out of the bottom three of the United Counties League Premier Division after beating Northampton Sileby Rangers by a solitary goal.

The single goal from Craig Ralph after 70 minutes saw Newport avenge an earlier Fernie Fields reverse.

Newport lost 6-0 at Yaxley midweek.

Darryl Smith's hat-trick was not enough for Olney Town to claim all three points against Bourne Town in a 3-3 draw in Division One.

Smith opened the scoring for the Nurserymen after 14 minutes, but Alec Robinson put Bourne level.

Smith restored the visiting lead with a 25th minute penalty and six minutes later he made it 3-1 to Olney.

But Bourne scored two goals either side of half time to make it 3-3.

Willen lost 2-0 to Hatfield Town in the Challenge Trophy second round, while New Bradwell St Peter were beaten 3-1 at home to Southall after extra time.

There were 10 goals in Wolverton Town's match against FC Broxbourne Boro, but Town succumbed to a 7-3 defeat.

It was only 2-0 to Broxbourne at half time but the visitors put their foot down in the second half, racing into a 5-0 lead.

Wolverton brought it back to 5-2 with two quickfire goals from Michael Rudniak.

Boro went 6-2 ahead when Kieron Bishop got his second but Wolverton weren't going down without a fight as James Byrne made it 6-3 with five minutes left.

But Bishop got his hat-trick in injury time to give Broxbourne a 7-3 success.

Stony Stratford kept up the heat on league leaders Scot Wharfside in the New City Heating Milton Keynes Sunday League.

Stony beat New Bradwell 5-1, but Scot defeated Caz Bar by four goals without reply.

Punjab maintained their excellent start to the campaign with a resounding three goal victory against Inter Faith, while RJ Fitness continued their recent good form by defeating The Garage and Olney beat basement side Willen.

Padbury produced the shock of the day in Division One by holding the Open University in a 10-goal thriller.

Stoke Hammond shared the spoils with Stanton Manor while New City Saints scraped past Buckingham A by the game's only goal.

MK United defeated Western by three goals without reply.

In Division Two Bucks Biz lost their 100 per cent record in a 2-2 tie with Newport Albion. IDW had a four goal success against Buckingham B. Other victors in the division were fast improving AFC Santander.

Next Sunday throws up an intriguing match with the Premier's form team Olney Town hosting leaders Scot Wharfside.

Powell frustrated by early season injury

MK DONS flying winger Daniel Powell admitted it was a frustrating start to his season after he ruptured ligaments in his ankle in the final training session before the season began.

In the last second of that session he was crocked by Luke Chadwick after impressing in pre-season, and he only came back as a substitute against Stevenage at the end of September.

The 22-year-old says the injury is still healing, which is why it has taken him some time to get fully back into the swing of things.

"It can take a year to heal fully but every game I play I'm getting better and I feel fitter so hopefully I'll soon be at my best," said Powell.

"I had a good pre-season and scored a few goals and it literally happened on the last second of the last training session before the season started so that's just my luck!

"At the time I didn't realise it was that bad but I got the scan and it was basically gone.

"Me and Chaddy (Chadwick) are just about on talking terms now after that!"

The winger got his first goal of the campaign at Tranmere Rovers a week last Saturday, and he thinks that strike will provide a big boost for his confidence as the season wears on.

Powell has been unable to add many goals to the tally this season, with Patrick Bamford taking up the slack, and he says the Chelsea loanee is a joy to play with.

"He's in the top three goalscores in the league and if you give him half a chance he'll score," said Powell.

This weekend sees the Dons in FA Cup action as FC Halifax Town come to stadiummk for the first round, and Powell is looking forward to going on a run similar to last year's.

"It's the biggest cup competition in the country and everyone loves the FA Cup," he said.

"It's a great opportunity for the clubs lower down the divisions.

"We can't wait to get a big team here so hopefully we can get to the third round and do that."

Back in it: Patrick Bamford, who Powell says can score even with half a chance, and Daniel Powell in action against Walsall on Saturday

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IT WAS a much better weekend for me after we got October out the way and beat Walsall 1-0 on Saturday.

They're a good side so now the sun is out and everybody's happy!

We had decent spells during the game and so did they but the pleasing thing as well as obviously winning was the clean sheet that we got the three points with.

The whole team put their bodies on the line to make sure that we didn't concede any goals, which was great to see.

We needed to get back to winning ways and we've now done that.

It was nice to get rid of that month and this sort of thing happens during a season. We've been playing reasonably well but just not picked up the points we deserved.

The situation with Hugo Lloris of Tottenham Hotspur was interesting when he lost consciousness but carried on playing afterwards.

It's a difficult one if the player felt he could continue, but with incidents like this one and the one where Petr Cech for Chelsea got a similar knock in that area of his head, it's hard to know what to do.

Ultimately the medical team and doctors should make the decision but this one is definitely up for discussion.

While on goalkeepers, Joe Hart was dropped from the Man City line-up this week, and mistakes from keepers are always highlighted more than those from outfield players.

It's even more so for him because he's England's number one keeper, but during the course of a season outfield players are dropped and rested all the time. He's an exceptional goalkeeper and I'm sure he'll reflect on these mistakes and come back stronger.

FIXTURES

SAT FC HALIFAX TOWN (H)
NOV 16 OLDHAM ATHLETIC (A)
NOV 23 BRADFORD CITY (H)
NOV 26 COLCHESTER UTD (A)
NOV 30 COVENTRY CITY (H)
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LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Leyton Orient	15	6	1	0	17	5	6	1	1	19	7	24	38
Wolves	14	6	1	1	16	5	5	1	0	11	3	19	35
Peterborough	15	5	1	2	9	7	5	1	1	16	5	13	32
Preston	15	3	4	1	12	9	4	2	1	11	7	7	27
Brentford	15	4	1	2	8	5	4	2	2	12	12	3	27
Bradford	15	4	1	2	15	6	2	4	2	9	8	10	23
Swindon	15	6	1	1	20	9	1	1	5	9	11	9	23
DONS	15	5	2	1	15	8	1	2	4	9	12	4	22
Walsall	15	2	2	3	7	10	4	2	2	10	5	2	22
Rotherham	15	2	4	2	11	13	3	2	2	10	9	-1	21
Coventry	15	6	1	1	22	14	3	2	2	12	8	12	20
Port Vale	15	3	2	2	10	10	3	0	5	11	14	-3	20
Crawley	14	4	1	3	10	11	1	3	2	8	9	-2	19
Colchester	15	2	3	2	6	8	1	5	2	9	12	-5	17
Shrewsbury	15	3	4	1	10	5	0	3	4	5	11	-1	16
Oldham	15	3	2	2	8	6	1	1	6	11	17	-4	15
Gillingham	15	3	2	3	9	9	1	1	5	9	15	-6	15
Carlisle	14	2	0	4	6	15	2	3	3	7	10	-12	15
Stevenage	15	2	1	4	9	11	2	1	5	6	12	-8	14
Tranmere	15	1	2	4	9	19	2	2	4	6	10	-14	13
Crewe	15	2	3	3	8	15	1	1	5	4	16	-19	13
Sheffield Utd	15	3	2	2	9	7	0	1	7	4	16	-10	12
Bristol City	14	0	4	3	7	12	1	3	3	14	15	-6	10
Notts County	15	3	0	4	11	9	0	1	7	6	20	-12	10

Note: Table does not include last night's matches

Nash closes in on championship

WORLD Touring Car racer James Nash is within touching distance of securing the World Championship's Independent driver title.

Nash scored two Independent wins on Sunday at the penultimate event of the series on Shanghai's International Circuit in China.

And all Milton Keynes-based Nash (pictured) needs is two more points from the 43 available at the final event in Macau in two weeks time to grab the title.

Nash took his Bamboo Engineering Chevrolet Cruze to third place overall in the opening race and sixth place from seventh on the grid in race two.

Both results were hard fought touring car affairs - with the drivers having to contend with the hazard of a tricky track surface that had been soaked by a heavy rainfall but was drying by the time of the start.

All the cars started the opening race behind the Safety Car on wet tyres while all were able to opt for dry slick tyres for the second.

Nash was the only driver to feature on both race podium ceremonies, and he remains just seven points away from an overall top three Championship result

Nash said: " The Independent title is so close now I can feel it. I think Alex (MacDowall) needs to win both races and set fastest lap in each in Macau without me scoring to deprive me of the title now.

"But it is Macau we're talking about for the final event, so I'm taking nothing for granted!"

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FORMULA ONE

Seventh heaven

Dominant: Sebastian Vettel wins yet again in Abu Dhabi

RED Bull's Sebastian Vettel made it seven wins in a row as he and teammate Mark Webber completed a one-two for the Milton Keynes team in Abu Dhabi.

Webber started on pole position, but after a slow start World Champion Vettel leapt into the lead and showed frighteningly quick pace to waltz his way to victory.

Nico Rosberg also made a good start for Mercedes, passing Webber into the first corner and the Aussie was down in third.

Within four laps, Vettel had carved out a three-second gap to his compatriot and by the time Rosberg made his first visit to the pit lane on lap 10, Seb's advantage had stretched to more than eight seconds.

From there Vettel continued to build a gap and when Webber muscled his way past Rosberg on lap 19 to steal second place, the champion's lead over his team-mate was a whopping 27 seconds.

From there, it was simply a matter of controlling proceedings until the chequered flag, where Vettel gave his same celebration of doing donuts after the race. He said: "I think today was incredible.

"The pace we had was scary at some stages, I felt very, very good on the soft tyres and was able to pull out a good gap in the first couple of laps.

"I think it's difficult, being an active member of the team, to put things like today into perspective."

Webber was full of praise for his teammate, saying: "Seb was on another planet today and was very, very strong in the first stint. He was super quick and his tyres didn't wear out, which is a recipe for disaster for the rest of the opposition, me included."

Team principal Christian Horner said Vettel's dominant performance was 'astounding.'

The US Grand Prix in Austin, Texas is next up, which takes place on November 17.

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning want revenge

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Mixed weekend: It was a win and a loss for Lightning

MK Lightning head coach Nick Poole wants revenge this weekend as his side take on Sheffield Steeldogs and Basingstoke Bison.

Lightning have lost to Sheffield once this season and the Bison twice, so Poole wants to get wins on the board this weekend.

"We will certainly be looking to get a bit of revenge out of this weekend's games," said Poole.

"They're two good teams but we're up for the game."

Poole still believes his side needs to work on their defence, but was once again happy with their way their offence is shaping up.

Lightning gave Slough Jets a three-goal headstart on Saturday before some sharp words were said at the break and Lightning got back in the game to win 5-3.

Then on Sunday without the influential captain Adam Carr and Lewis Christie MK lost narrowly 4-3 to pace-setters Manchester Phoenix, but Poole thinks his side are not far off the same level.

"Against Slough their first goal took the wind out of our sails and we were low on energy so we got punished," said Poole.

"But we refocused and we're really dangerous going forwards at times – when other teams make mistakes we make them pay.

"Right now defensively we're a little looser than we should be.

"I think we ran out of a bit of petrol against Manchester because the guys were certainly trying.

"Manchester are a good team but I think we can beat them when we play them again."

After going three down on Saturday, Stan Lascek scored a special goal and Janne Jokila put MK right back in it.

Leigh Jamieson equalised before Lightning finally went ahead through Ross Bowers and Jamieson got a decisive fifth with 18 second left to cap an amazing fightback.

Lightning took a two goal lead within the first nine minutes on Sunday thanks to Jamieson and Jokila only to see it wiped out.

Manchester edged in front after 28mins through Luke Boothroyd and they had to wait until just under five minutes into the final period before they established a two goal advantage.

Lascek narrowed the gap to one goal but were unable to find an equaliser.

RUGBY UNION

MK and Bletchley continue to set the pace

Milton Keynes continue to top the Southern Counties North league after beating Stow on the Wold 25-10.

It took Milton Keynes half the match to master the windy conditions and the first score came from the home side after the visitor's defence was finally breached to make it 5-0.

It was 20 minutes into the game before City offered a decent attack when Dan Rolfe powered over the tryline after a good pass from Dan Pearson.

The visitors continued to struggle but held on despite Rob Matthews being sin-binned as they continually breached the offside rule.

City took the lead in the second half playing with the wind as they dominated the rucks. Fly half Phil Powell made a decisive break from just inside the Stow half and popped the ball to Rob Lasbrey, who touched down.

Ollie Fountain dove over for a converted try to make it 17-5 before Stow made a spell of pressure count by bringing the score back to 17-10.

But that turned out to be merely a consolation. In the home side's eagerness to score a further try a pass went astray and winger Dan Pearson collected the ball and touched down to seal the MK victory.

Powell later scored a penalty to make it 25-10.

Bletchley are still breathing down their necks in second place after defeating High Wycombe 35-5.

Bletchley dominated the game from start to finish and managed to score five converted tries to Wycombe's one.

Try-scorers for Bletchley included Dean White, Adam Dempsey, Phil Harman, Will Garrett and Bret Staniford, with Philip Harman the man with the boot.

Olney remain eighth in Midlands Two East (South) after narrowly falling to a 23-20 defeat at home to Northampton Old Scouts.

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ATHLETICS

THERE was a great turnout at the English Cross County Relays in Mansfield by Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club.

The Under 20 Women did best over their 3x2.5km race as the team came home 15th.

Richard Harrison and Andy Sutton took part in the two day Original Mountain Marathon in the Brecon Beacons with the Welsh weather living up to its reputation for being wet and windy.

On day one the pair finished well within the five-hour limit in 11th place scoring 280 points in 4h 27m 38s.

Although things were tighter on day two they beat the four hour limit by just 30 seconds, taking eighth spot with 210 points to climb to seventh overall on 490 points.

On the roads at the Dublin Marathon Katie Penrose (F35) finished in 2,265th taking 3h 33:01s and at the Luton Half Marathon Keith Brown (M45) was 36th with a new Personal Best of 94m 22s.

Chris Worton completed an MK Enigma marathon at Furzton Lake by crossing the line in 3h 30m 04s, his best this year by four minutes.

KORFBALL

Both MK Lakers teams won their first home games of the new South Midlands Korfball League season, beating Harrow Vultrix Seconds at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Sunday.

Lakers Wednesday kicked the afternoon off with an impressive 9-2 win, with debutants Dan Wood and Emma Collins starring thanks to three and two goals respectively.

Kerry Smith and Alan Campbell also scored two goals apiece.

Lakers Monday crushed Harrow Seconds 14-2 in their first game of the campaign.

Wood picked up another hat-trick as did Katie Ellis, while a second-half substitute appearance from Campbell yielded an impressive haul of four goals.

Jim Whidborne, Cecile Whidborne, Tracey Edwards and Grant Van Funkle also chipped in.

HOCKEY

ANDY Dixon scored but that was not enough for Milton Keynes men as they lost 4-1 to third-placed Lewes in the South Hockey Premier League.

KICKBOXING

MEMBERS of BMMA MK flew to Sicily to compete as part of the England squad in the WMKF World Championships.

The MK competitors achieved an impressive haul of awards. Max Morgan (13) earned a silver in continuous light contact and won the Championship for his category in semi-contact.

Darren Phillips (who runs BMMA MK from his premises in Cochrane Court, Crownhill) took a bronze and a silver award in semi-contact (points) and continuous contact.

His son Tyler Philips (eight) took bronze and silver and William Overton (13) won two bronzes.

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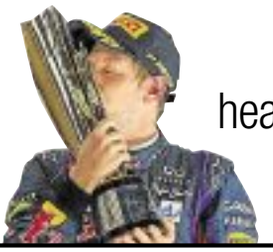

Vettel is in seventh heaven after latest win

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Strong line-up expected for visit of Halifax Town

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Up for the cup: MK Dons manager Karl Robinson cannot wait to begin another FA Cup journey, following last year's run against the likes of AFC Wimbledon, Sheffield Wednesday, Queens Park Rangers and Barnsley

MK DONS manager Karl Robinson is unlikely to change much of his starting line-up for the visit of FC Halifax Town as he looks to bring some consistency to his side.

The Dons are in FA Cup action this weekend and Stephen Gleeson is in line for a return to the team, while on-fire striker Patrick Bamford is unlikely to be rested.

Izale McLeod could start up front, but one definite absentee is David Martin.

The keeper injured his calf and had to come off 13 minutes before the end of the Walsall game last week, so Ian McLoughlin will start.

Luke Chadwick and Ben Reeves are also big doubts for the game, which could see Bamford operating in the number 10 role.

"I'm trying to get as stable a team as possible," said Robinson.

"In years gone by I've rotated for the cup games but I think it's important to keep the back four together and if Stephen's back it's important to get him and Darren Potter playing together.

"I want those six players together. It's a chance for us to play a team that kept a clean sheet against Walsall on Saturday and it's a chance for that back four to keep another on Saturday and that will breed confidence."

Memories of last season's FA Cup exploits are still fresh in the mind for Robinson.

The Dons beat Cambridge City, AFC Wimbledon, Championship outfit Sheffield Wednesday and QPR, who were in the Premier League last season, before they were knocked out by Barnsley in the fifth round.

"I absolutely love the FA Cup and I want another good cup run this year.

"The financial gain in the FA Cup is phenomenal.

"This is the cup of hope and dreams where special headlines get written."

The Dons played seven FA Cup games last season, which some saw as a distraction from the league, but Robinson says it is impossible for him to go into Saturday's game not bothered about whether his side will win or not.

"When the whistle goes on a Saturday you want to win.

"At the end of a season you can look for reasons why we may have lost the next game but I can't go into a game thinking 'Oh if we get beat here it's alright.'

"I don't like losing and if that's a frailty in me I don't apologise for it.

"Last year was an amazing roller-coaster and to play the games we did was absolutely incredible."

Robbo: Bamford Championship rumours are 'nonsense'

MK Dons boss Karl Robinson has rubbished reported stories that Patrick Bamford will be playing for a Championship club in January.

National media reported that Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho wanted to take a look at the Dons striker when his loan at the club finished on January 5, with a view to him playing at a higher level in the footballing pyramid.

But Robinson quashed the stories, saying he didn't know where the articles came from.

"I've spoken with Chelsea and that is fabricated nonsense," said Robinson.

"Nothing has come from Chelsea at all, they don't know where the story has come.

"Chelsea are very happy at Patrick being here and they're ecstatic at the fact he's here scoring goals.

"Whether people are trying to upset the applecart with us or their agent I don't know, but Patrick knew nothing of it and Chelsea have said nothing.

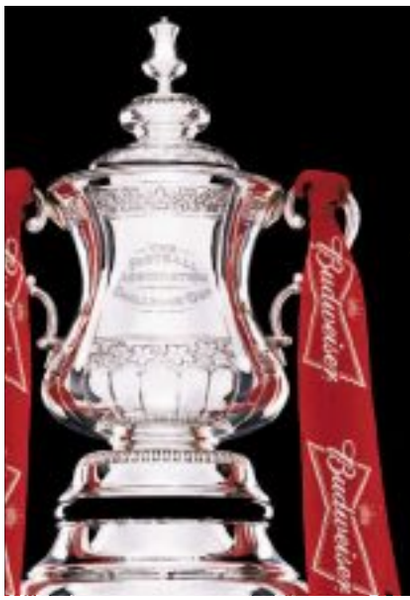
Robinson added that he would be meeting with his advisor Eddie Newton next week to discuss Bamford's progress at the Dons.

The 20-year-old has scored 12 goals in all competitions so far this season, and Robinson believes a full season at the Dons would stand the player in better stead than jumping into the Championship too early.

"I think he'll be better here getting 25 or 30 goals under his belt.

"Then he can say he's had a full season where he has been a consistent goalscorer and consistency is one of the fundamental reasons why footballers can go onto become so successful.

"Patrick plays every week and he has now got to handle that he's not an unknown quantity - he's a wanted commodity and people are going to want to stop him and make things difficult for him."



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